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REF: A) MANILA 4587 B) BANGKOK 7017 C) STATE 66449

1. AS REF C POINTS OUT, THE NEED FOR CONTINUED US-JAPAN COOPERATION WITH THE ASEAN NATIONS WAS EMPHASIZED, BUT NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ASEAN CAPITALS THAT PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA STATED THAT THE ASEAN STATES, THROUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS IN TOKYO, HAD ASKED HIM TO RELAY TO WASHINGTON THEIR CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE DECLINE IN US INTEREST IN ASIA. HE SAID THAT THE ASEAN STATES HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN ITS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC PRESENCE IN THE ASIAN REGION AND THAT JAPAN SHARED THIS HOPE. THE JAPANESE CONFIDENTIAL

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WERE ASSURED THAT US INTEREST IN ASIA HAS NOT DECLINED, THAT OUR BASIC POLICY TOWARD ASIA WOULD BE MAINTAINED, AND THAT IN FACT WE HOPED TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ASEAN STATES. FUKUDA STATED THAT JAPAN WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN ITS AID EFFORTS DIRECTED TO THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. DISCUSSING OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES WAS LARGELY LIMITED TO THE ASIAN CONTEXT.

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